GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:40
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Expensive Coronary Stents
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note of rise in coronary heart diseases and its expensive treatment;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government for the prevention, cure and treatment of such diseases and bring down the treatment costs;

(c) whether a substantial amount is spent on the import of coronary stents;

(d) whether the Government has slashed the price of coronary stents and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which such stents would be accessible to the patients at reduced prices?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) : As informed by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), current estimates from one-time cross sectional studies conducted in different regions of country indicate that the prevalence of coronary heart disease (CHD) is between 8-10 percent in urban and 3 to 4 percent in rural India.

(b) & (c): The Government of India is implementing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) for interventions up to District level under the National Health Mission. It has focus on awareness generation for behaviour and life-style changes, screening and early diagnosis of persons with high level of risk factors and their treatment and referral (if required) to higher facilities for appropriate management for Non- communicable Diseases. Under NPCDCS, diagnosis and treatment facilities for major NCDs are provided through different levels of healthcare by setting up of NCD Clinics and Cardiac Care Units (CCUs) in District Hospitals and Community Health Centres (CHCs). The treatment is either free or highly subsidised for the poor and needy in the government healthcare delivery system. Cardiology is focus area for setting up of new institutions or upgrade of existing institutions under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna.

It is a fact that Indian medical device industry is primarily import driven with imports contributing close to 75% of the market.

(d) & (e) : Government notified inclusion of coronary stents in the National List of Essential Medicines 2015 (NLEM, 2015) vide notification dated 19.7.2016 and subsequently in the First Schedule of Drugs (Price Control) Order 2013 (DPCO 2013) vide notification dated 21.12.2016. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is mandated to fix the ceiling prices of Coronary Stents within sixty days from the date of notification, as per para 17(1) of DPCO, 2013.

AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment) stores are being set up by M/s HLL Lifecare Limited, a Government of India company, where essential lifesaving medicines and implants including stents are being provided at a substantial discount vis-Ã -vis the Maximum Retail Price.

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